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EXTENDED HEALTH CARE PLAN

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Letters of Transmittal

His Honour, The Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

May it Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to transmit herewith the fifteenth Annual Report of the Extended Health Care Plan for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Ken Krawetz
Minister of Finance

The Honourable Ken Krawetz
Minister of Finance

Sir:

On behalf of the Joint Board of Trustees, I have the honour to transmit herewith the fifteenth Annual Report of the Extended Health Care Plan for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Brian Smith
Ministry of Finance (PEBA)

Extended Health Care Plan

Introduction

The Extended Health Care Plan was established on October 1, 1996.

The Fund is used to account for the transactions of the Extended Health Care Plan which provides health care benefits to PS/GE SGEU and CUPE 600 employees.

As at December 31, 2010, participation in the Plan has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for all government organizations whose employees are employees of the Government of Saskatchewan as defined under *The Public Service Act* and who are members of PS/GE SGEU or CUPE 600.

Joint Board of Trustees

Brian Smith
Ministry of Finance (PEBA)

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Ministry of Health

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Public Service Commission

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Public Service Commission

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Kirk Hogarth

Barry Nowoselsky

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local No. 600:

Jacalyn Luterbach

Joe Murrell

Participating Employers

The following employees participate in The Extended Health Care Plan:

With respect to employees who are members of the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU):

Board of Arbitration under *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act* (The)
Children's Advocate (Office of the)
Enterprise Saskatchewan
Farm Land Security Board
Horned Cattle Fund
Information and Privacy Commissioner (Office of the)
Innovation Saskatchewan
Ombudsman (Office of the)
Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc.
Saskatchewan Archives Board
Saskatchewan Milk Marketing Board
Saskatchewan Municipal Board
Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan
The Government of Saskatchewan with respect to members of the Public Service of Saskatchewan as defined under *The Public Service Act, 1998.*

With respect to employees who are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local No. 600:

The Government of Saskatchewan with respect to members of the Public Service of Saskatchewan as defined under *The Public Service Act, 1998.*

Administration

The Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) has established a fund pursuant to *The Financial Administration Act, 1993* for the purpose of providing benefits under the Plan. A Joint Board of Trustees, comprised of an equal number of management and union representatives, has been established and is responsible for reviewing the ongoing operations of the Plan.

The Plan pays a monthly premium to Group Medical Services on behalf of employees. The Plan's risk is limited to the payment of the monthly premium as follows under the two-year contract effective January 1, 2010:

Single	$47.21 per month
Couple	$92.18 per month
Family	$113.92 per month

Funding

Separate funding agreements are in effect for both PS/GE SGEU and CUPE 600 employees.

Funding for PS/GE SGEU members covered is:

- effective October 1, 1996, 1.03% of straight time annual payroll to the fund on a monthly basis for payment of premiums of eligible employees
- effective October 1, 2001, 1.28% of straight time annual payroll
- effective October 1, 2006, 1.78% of straight time annual payroll
- contributions to the Benefit Plan Surplus fund are:
    - effective September 30, 1996 - 0.07% of straight time annual payroll
    - effective September 30, 1997 - 0.37% of straight time annual payroll
    - effective October 1, 1999 - 0.47% of straight time annual payroll
    - effective October 1, 1999 – lump sum contributions $2 million
    - effective October 1, 2001 – lump sum contributions $3.5 million
    - effective October 1, 2004 – lump sum contributions $6.9 million
    - for the period December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2005, the Government and PS/GE SGEU decided to divert the .25% funding from the Retiree Plan to the PS/GE SGEU Benefits Plans' Surplus Fund. This amounted to $1,013,682
    - effective August 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009 and extended to March 31, 2010, the .47% SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Funding is being redirected to the Public Employees Dental Plan.

Funding for CUPE 600 members covered is:

- effective October 1, 1996, 1.08% of straight time annual payroll to the fund on a monthly basis for payment of premiums of eligible employees
- effective September 30, 1997, 1.23% of straight time annual payroll
- effective October 1, 2006, 1.43% of straight time annual payroll
- effective December 28, 2003 to December 31, 2004, additional contribution rates were $11.54 per pay period for members paid bi-weekly and $25.00 per pay period for members paid monthly
- contributions to the Benefit Plans Surplus Fund are:
    - effective September 30, 1996 - 0.07% of straight time annual payroll; plus
    - the amount required to make up the difference between contributions and the cost of monthly premiums for eligible employees, up to 0.15% of straight time annual payroll
    - effective September 30, 1997, 0.37% of straight time payroll.
    - effective December 20, 1999, 0.82% of straight time annual payroll
    - effective January 1, 2005 – lump sum contributions of $748,070.

Benefits

An employee is eligible for benefits at the start of the pay period immediately following a six month period of employment.

Claims are paid on behalf of all family members and covers certain health and vision care benefits.

Management's Report

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

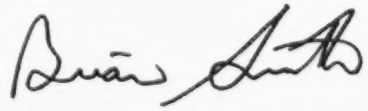
As members of management of the Extended Health Care Plan, we are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the following financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are fully and fairly disclosed in the financial statements.

We believe the Extended Health Care Plan has a system of internal control adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the accounts are faithfully and properly kept to permit the preparation of accurate financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A Joint Board of Trustees, comprised of an equal number of management and union representatives, has been established and is responsible for reviewing the ongoing operations of the Plan.

We enclose the financial statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the Provincial Auditor's report on these financial statements.



Brian Smith
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Employees Benefits Agency

Perry Bahr
Director, Benefit Programs
Public Employees Benefits Agency

Kathy Deck, CGA
Director, Financial Services
Public Employees Benefits Agency

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 22, 2011

Extended Health Care Plan

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2010

Independent Auditor's Report

To: The Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Extended Health Care Plan, which comprise of the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2010, and the statement of operations and net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for Treasury Board's approval, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Extended Health Care Plan as at December 31, 2010, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 22, 2011

Brian Atkinson, FCA
Acting Provincial Auditor

Extended Health Care Plan
Statement of Financial Position

Statement 1

As At December 31

	2010				2009
	Extended Health Care Fund	PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	Total	Total
ASSETS					
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 3)	$ 985	$3,795,071	$250,619	$4,046,675	$4,491,429
Contributions receivable	726,340	184,624	15,555	926,519	922,043
	727,325	3,979,695	266,174	4,973,194	5,413,472
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	8,172	-	-	8,172	203,599
	8,172	-	-	8,172	203,599
Net assets (Statement 2)	$ 719,153	$3,979,695	$266,174	$4,965,022	$5,209,873

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Extended Health Care Plan
Statement of Operations and Net Assets

Statement 2

For The Year Ended December 31

	2010					2009
	Budget	Extended Health Care Fund	PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	Total	Total
REVENUES	(Note 7)					
Contributions (Note 1)	$13,255,000	$9,786,240	$2,494,189	$195,040	$12,475,469	$12,441,407
Interest Income (Notes 3 & 4)	38,900	-	22,813	1,883	24,696	25,561
	13,293,900	9,786,240	2,517,002	196,923	12,500,165	12,466,968
EXPENSES						
Insurance premiums	12,007,000	11,939,192	-	-	11,939,192	10,793,581
Interest (Note 3)	5,500	1,740	-	-	1,740	2,024
Administration (Note 6)	118,241	80,232	-	-	80,232	86,534
	12,130,741	12,021,164	-	-	12,021,164	10,882,139
Surplus (Deficit) for the year before the following:	1,163,159	(2,234,924)	2,517,002	196,923	479,001	1,584,829
Interfund transfers (Note 1)	-	2,248,500	(1,999,000)	(249,500)	-	-
Transfer to PEDF (Note 1)	(650,000)	-	(663,852)	(60,000)	(723,852)	(2,511,080)
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	513,159	13,576	(145,850)	(112,577)	(244,851)	(926,251)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,209,873	705,577	4,125,545	378,751	5,209,873	6,136,124
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR (Statement 1)	$5,723,032	$719,153	$3,979,695	$266,174	$4,965,022	$5,209,873

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Extended Health Care Plan
Statement of Cash Flows

Statement 3

For The Year Ended December 31

	2010				2009
	Extended Health Care Fund	PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund	Total	Total
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities:					
Contributions received	$ 9,782,729	$ 1,829,442	$ 194,970	$11,807,141	$ 9,953,882
PS/GE SGEU Surplus Funds received on behalf of the PEDF (Note 1)	-	663,852	-	663,852	2,485,647
PS/GE SGEU Surplus Funds paid to the PEDF (Note 1)	-	(848,589)	-	(848,589)	(2,484,772)
Interest (paid) received	(1,740)	22,813	1,883	22,956	53,912
Insurance premiums paid	(11,943,395)	-	-	(11,943,395)	(10,794,082)
Administration expense paid	(86,719)	-	-	(86,719)	(74,917)
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities	(2,249,125)	1,667,518	196,853	(384,754)	(860,330)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Proceeds from disposal of investments	-	-	-	-	4,099,110
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-	-	-	4,099,110
Net (decrease) increase due from General Revenue Fund	(2,249,125)	1,667,518	196,853	(384,754)	3,238,780
Interfund transfers (Note 1)	2,248,500	(1,999,000)	(249,500)	-	-
Transfer to PEDF (Note 1)	-	-	(60,000)	(60,000)	(25,000)
	(625)	(331,482)	(112,647)	(444,754)	3,213,780
Due from General Revenue Fund, Beginning of year	1,610	4,126,553	363,266	4,491,429	1,277,649
Due from General Revenue Fund, end of year	$ 985	$ 3,795,071	$ 250,619	$ 4,046,675	$ 4,491,429

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Extended Health Care Plan
Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2010

1. Description of the Plan

The Extended Health Care Plan (Plan) was established on October 1, 1996 pursuant to subsection 64(2) of *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. The Plan provides extended health care benefits to certain unionized employees of the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Plan consists of the Extended Health Care Fund, the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (PS/GE SGEU) Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund and the Canadian Union of Public Employees', Local 600 (CUPE) Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund.

The Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) manages the Plan under direction from the Joint Board of Trustees. The Joint Board of Trustees is made up of equal representation of union members and employers' representatives.

Extended Health Care Fund

The Extended Health Care Fund covers members from employers, whose participation in the Plan has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The contribution rate is 1.78% of regular payroll for PS/GE SGEU and 1.43% of regular payroll for CUPE members. The contribution rates are established pursuant to PS/GE SGEU and CUPE collective bargaining agreements with the Government.

The Government through the Minister of Finance has entered into an agreement with an insurance company to provide eligible employees with extended health coverage. The Plan pays premiums for eligible employees to the insurance company as set out in the agreement. The Plan's risk is limited to the payment of these premiums.

Benefit Plans' Surplus Funds

The PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund and the CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund (Surplus Funds) were established to meet the terms of the PS/GE SGEU and CUPE collective bargaining agreements with the Government. The Surplus Funds receive contributions on behalf of members from employers whose participation in the Plan has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The contribution rates are as follows:

- 0.47% of regular payroll of PS/GE SGEU members
- 0.82% of regular payroll of CUPE members

The intent of the Surplus Funds is to offset cost increases of the benefit plans. Enhanced dental benefits are provided to PS/GE SGEU and CUPE members through the Public Employees Dental Fund (PEDF). The Joint Board of Trustees must approve the use of the net assets of the Surplus Funds.

The Joint Board of Trustees authorized PEBA to transfer adequate resources from the Surplus Funds to the Extended Health Care Fund in order to provide extended health care benefits over the term of the contract with the insurance company. Accordingly, PEBA transferred to the Extended Health Care Fund $1,999,000 (2009 - $925,000) and $249,500 (2009 - $188,500) from the PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund and CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund respectively.

The Joint Board of Trustees also authorized PEBA to transfer adequate resources from the PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund and CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund to the PEDF in order to provide enhanced dental benefits to participating SGEU and CUPE members to December 31, 2010. Accordingly, PEBA transferred $0 (2009 - $0) from the PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund and $60,000 (2009 - $25,000) from the CUPE Benefit Plans' Surplus Fund to the PEDF. In addition, the Board authorized that PS/GE SGEU Benefit Plans' Surplus funding of .47% be redirected to the PEDF for the period August 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 and during the year was extended to March 31, 2010. This amounted to $663,852 during 2010 (2009 - $2,486,080).

2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applicable to for-profit entities. The following accounting policies are considered significant.

a) Contributions

Contribution billings are done at the end of each month. Contributions are recognized as revenue when due.

b) Interest Revenue

Interest is recognized as income when earned.

c) Financial Instruments

Held for trading financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value are recognized in the Statement of Operations and Net Assets. For due from General Revenue Fund and short-term investments, fair value is determined as cost plus accrued income, which approximates market value. Loans and receivables and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Due to their short-term nature, the amortized cost of these instruments approximates their fair value.

d) Future Accounting Policy Changes

In December 2009, the Public Sector Accounting Board issued an amendment to the introduction to the Public Sector Accounting (PSA) Handbook. Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, other government organizations (OGOs) are directed to PSA standards unless these standards do not meet their users' needs. The Plan has determined the PSA standards are appropriate, and, are adopting the PSA Handbook.

3. Due from General Revenue Fund

The monies of the Extended Health Care Fund and Benefit Plans' Surplus Funds are co-mingled in one bank account. The Plan's bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Plan's bank account balance is recorded as due from General Revenue Fund to the Benefit Plans' Surplus Funds and to the Extended Health Care Fund separately on the Statement of Financial Position.

The General Revenue Fund calculates interest earned and owing on a quarterly basis using the Government's thirty day borrowing rate, and the Plan's average daily bank account balance. The Government's average thirty day borrowing rate in 2010 was 0.60% (2009 – 0.47%).

4. Short-Term Investments

No short-term investments were held as at December 31, 2010. Investments are purchased through the Treasury and Debt Management Branch of the Ministry of Finance and are subject to the Ministry's investment guidelines. The guidelines require that investments must meet a minimum investment standard of "R-1" rating, as rated by a recognized credit rating service.

5. Financial Risk Management

The nature of the Plan's operations results in a statement of financial position that consists primarily of financial instruments. The risks that arise are credit risk, market risk (consisting of interest rate risk) and liquidity risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party does not pay funds owed to another party. The Plan's credit risk arises primarily from the following distinct sources:

	2010	2009
Due from General Revenue Fund	$4,046,675	$4,491,429
Contributions receivable	926,519	922,043

The maximum credit risk to which the Plan is exposed is limited to the carrying value of the financial assets summarized above.

The credit risk for short-term investments is managed through a policy that requires investments to meet minimum investment standards as determined by a recognized credit rating agency.

The Plan is exposed to minimal credit risk from the potential non-payment of contributions as these are receivables from government agencies and were collected shortly after year end.

Market risk

Market risk represents the potential for loss from changes in the value of financial instruments. Values can be affected by changes in interest rates. The Plan is exposed to changes in interest rates on its short-term investments.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Plan is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Plan manages this risk by investing in financial assets with a very short term to maturity.

6. Related Party Transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, ministries, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Plan by virtue of common control or significant influence by the Government of Saskatchewan (collectively referred to as "related parties"). Related party transactions with the Plan are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the agreed upon exchange amounts charged by these organizations.

All contributions and contributions receivable are from related parties. Also, in 2010, PEBA charged the Plan $80,232 (2009 – $86,534) for administration expenses. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is $7,630 (2009 – $14,117) due to PEBA and $0 (2009 - $184,737) payable to the Public Employees Dental Fund.

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to/from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes thereto.

7. Budget

PEBA prepares the budget for approval by the Joint Board of Trustees.